

WILL CLOSE
GAPORE, PENANG AND CAL-
TA.—HINDOSTAN, on Tuesday, the
1st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

RE: PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
CLAN ALPINE, on Tuesday,
14th instant, at 5 P.M.

TOW, AMOY & FOOHOW.—
H. H. A. TENG, on Sunday, the
1st instant, at 7.30 A.M., instead of
the time previously notified.

LY-ER-MOON, on Friday, the
1st instant, at 5 P.M.

UNDER DESPATCH.—
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta,
on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta,
Alpine, on Tuesday, the 14th
14 P.M.

Amoy, and Foohow, on Pe-
nang, on Sunday, the 13th instant,

angkok, —Per Ly-er-moon, on
the 11th instant, at daylight.

CABOOGES.—
Canton Customs Daily Return
at Port, cleared for Ningpo.

ice Glue.

ice Lichens.

okages Yellow and White Lead.

ice Sugar.

okages Tobacco.

okages Sundries.

of Imports and Exports based
on River Steamer Office during
ended 4th September.

per Kit Kiang and Kinshun,
kong.

ice Bengal Cotton.

ice Bombay Cotton.

okates Siam Cotton.

icates Patna Opium.

ice Lead.

okages Quicksilver.

okages Elephant's Teeth.

okages Wax.

okates Apes.

okages Jade Stones.

ice Silk and Ginseng.

okules Yellow Metal, Sheetings,

ice Wire and Nails.

ices and bales Cotton Goods.

ices and bales Woollen Goods.

okages Sundries.

per Kit Kiang and Kinshun,
kong.

ices and bales Fine Silk.

ices Punjum.

ices Silk Piece Goods.

ices Cocoons.

ices 400 piculs Cassia.

ices Glass Bangles.

ices Glass Beads.

ices Paper.

ices Rhubarb.

ices Preserves.

okages Trucks.

okages Chinaware.

ouls Sugar.

ices Tea.

okages and parcels Sundries.

ndum of Cargo per American ship
hence to San Francisco, to sail
800.

ng Rice, each 50 lbs.

ng Beans, each 50 lbs.

ng Mating.

okages Tea.

ng Oil.

ng Sago.

ng Cassia.

ng Soy.

okages Fire Crackers.

okages Merchandise.

owing is in addition to the Cargo

ng Cock, already reported.—

Hongkong for Re-exportation.)

okages Merchan-

okages Personal Effects.

okages Tea.

ng Straw Braid.

ng Vermilion.

O TATIONS

KONG, 9th September, 1869.

Fatna, New, \$663.

Old, 646.

Banares, New, 567.

Old, 561.

Malgas, 666.

Persian, 560, hom.

BOMBAK, 18, 234.

CALCUTTA, 17, 222.

Exchance.

nts' sight, 454.

3 days' sight, 464.

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3 days' sight, Bank, Tls. 761.

17 dts. B., 7.

... 43 a 64.

999 touch, 23.35.

3 tonah, 23.00 a 23.25.

foreign, 4.50.

overforeign, 4.50.

... 3 a 10.

y Sharas.

Dock, Old, 15 p. a. disco.

okages Old, 29 1/2 p. a. disco.

New, 15 p. a. pre-

10 p. a. disco.

Temperature.

KONG, 9th September, 1869.

okers Falcon & Co.'s Premises,

Queen's Roads.)

17th-9 A.M., Dry, 82.

Wet, 77.

4 P.M., Dry, 88.

Wet, 75.

ered Maximum, 85.

Min. over night, 77.

9 A.M., 30.140.

4 P.M., 30.099.

THE CHINA MAIL.

MARRIAGE.

On the 9th day of September instant, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Reverend Canon Beach, Alfred Gossner Morris, and Sarah Ann, eldest daughter of D. R. Caldwell, Esq., of Hongkong.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 9, 1869.

We learn on good authority that H. R. H., the Duke of Edinburgh has expressed his intention of proceeding direct from Japan to Hongkong. It is therefore probable that he will arrive here at latest by the 1st October. The reason which rumour assigns for this decision is that the refusal of the Chinese authorities to receive H. R. H. officially at Peking has induced him to forego a visit to any part of North China. Whatever the cause however, the fact that he may be expected much earlier than anticipated remains. We believe that an official programme or memorandum regarding the visit will be issued almost immediately.

The Report of the Delegates of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce on the Trade of the Upper Yangtze is probably the most important contribution to our knowledge of Central China which has yet appeared. Full as it is there seems to be a general regret felt that the delegates did not make more of their subject. Their Report proper extending only to 51 foolscap pages and the entire volume numbering less than 90. We think it right to mention this, as it shows that a wider and more general interest is felt in the results of their labours than was probably anticipated. Our business lies however not with what they might have done but with what they have done, and we turn to the record with much interest fully endorsing the general verdict of our contemporaries as to its value.

It is divided by the compiler into four parts—the Narrative of Proceedings, Report, Appendices, and Report of Naval Surveyors. Upon the present occasion we must rather content ourselves with indicating what the expedition accomplished, and the nature of the information it puts before the public, than attempt to draw inferences or conclusions as to the questions upon which the report bears. The narrative of proceedings details the start of the Expedition, its arrival at Hankow and progress to Yoochow, with the facts of which the public are already familiar through the columns of the daily journals. It was not until the party reached the Upper Yangtze that their proceedings were lost sight of, and the report gives us additional information. When the *Salween* took the ground at Shih Show, 243 miles above Hankow, the party proceeded in the *Opussum* with the *Fau* (a small steamer kindly placed at the disposal of the expedition by Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) lashed alongside; and this was not until the party reached I-chang without accident, and from this point the information given is new.

It was found impossible to take the *Opussum* more than three miles beyond this city, and even the *Fau* only succeeded in getting 12 miles beyond her. The party were therefore compelled to take to a native boat. The naval members went as far as Kwei-foo and then returned, the remainder proceeding onwards to Chungking. The surveyors were unanimous of opinion that "the difficulties of navigation between I-chang and Kwei-foo were such that foreign steam vessels were not likely to make use of that part of the river for many years to come." The question of how far inland navigation should be demanded is therefore definitely settled for a time by the natural difficulties of the route. At Chungking, the farthest point of the journey (which the party reached on 12th May), the natives are reported as civil, and non-obstructive, though of course the usual difficulties of getting information from the Chinese were experienced.

We are glad to notice the cordial acknowledgements tendered to Messrs Swinhoe, Kingsmill, Dick, Stronach, and Messrs Russell & Co. Admiral Keppel (as well as those under his command) appears to have strenuously exerted himself to aid the expedition in every possible way, and much of the success achieved is due to his and their exertions.

The "Report" naturally follows the order of route, and so we find that taking Hongkong as a starting point—the state of its trade, its intercourse with Hooman, Szechuen, Honan, Shensi, and Shansi—the next in order is Shasi, and on to I-chang and Chungking. We cannot, however, help stop to remark upon the many novel and interesting facts noted. The next section is devoted to the Trade of Szechuen and its products—a most valuable chapter, followed by some considerations on the hindrances to trade. Honan and the Tungting lake, and Kweikang and the Poyang lake (accompanied by a clear and useful map), with a few remarks on Woohoo and Tating, bring this portion of the Report to a close. The final section is devoted to "the conditions of Commercial progress in China"—a chapter which, if correct in all its details, is in itself worth the gravest attention of every merchant in China, apart from the other information contained in the volume. There is matter enough here for half a dozen articles, and Messrs Michie and Francis deserved much credit for this portion of their labour. The same may be said of the appendix, which

contains much suggestive information. The memorandum of the Commercial capabilities of Ta-tung and Wuhi by Mr. J. M. Canby will probably afford novel information to most readers regarding those places. Meteorological tables, a map of the Upper Yangtze, very clearly and neatly got up (each report containing a photograph of the original), and Lieut. Dawson's memorandum on the navigation, complete one of the most interesting documents given to the public by late Tripod men last year by the head-coolie named Tai Hing.

The TESTIMONIAL TO THE HON.
W. T. MERCER.

The following letter from W. T. Mercer, Esq., late Acting Governor of this Colony, has been received in acknowledgement of the Silver Tripod sent him last year by the head-coolie named Tai Hing.

Dear Sir,—
I have received your very handsomely worded sum for provisions supplied to a head-coolie named Tai Hing. It appears that the defendant entered into a subcontract with this Tai Hing, to supply the labor for a portion of the Retaining Wall at West Point for a sum of \$780; and, as the sub-contractor was desirous of obtaining provisions for his workmen, defendant accompanied the head-coolie to plaintiff's shop, asked plaintiff to supply Tai Hing with provisions, and kept a note of the same in a pass-book, and he (the defendant) was paid for the same. Plaintiff put the case in a pass-book, and gave it to the Chinese version will be sent to the Testimonial Committee and printed in the Chinese local paper.

To KWOK ACHONG and OTHERS.

I have received a very handsome "Sacred Tripod," in silver, which you have sent me in acknowledgement of such service, as I, during a period of 23 years and for a considerable time in Supreme Office, have given credit for so large a sum to Tai Hing; he trusted the defendant.

I take the opportunity of the first outgoing mail to thank you for the flattering gift.

The compliment you pay me is the higher in that it is elicited solely by my public conduct, and not in another instance, equally appreciated by me—by feelings founded on intimate daily intercourse, in addition to such opinion as had been formed by consideration of my official career.

Defendant admitted balance of only \$16,144, and produced a pass-book outside of which he would not look, and for any goods not entered in which he would not hold himself liable. He denied all about the agreement, or promise to pay.

Mr. Caldwell, stated that defendant had promised to pay the amount claimed, after he had obtained payment for the contract entered into with Mr. Medlen; and this, besides the evidence of the promise to pay at the time when the agreement was made, established the plaintiff's case.

His Honor remarked that he would defer judgment, and consider the question of guarantee.

Tang Aning v. G. Dubost, \$34.80, for tailoring done.—Defendant disputed the bill as an overcharge; and as His Honor agreed with the defendant, judgment was given for \$23.

Ku Yuen, and others v. Leong Achung, \$396.95, for provisions supplied.—Defendant is head-coolie to Mr. MacDonald West Point Slip, and supplies all the other coolies with rice, etc., which he gets from the shop of the plaintiff. Mr. Toller appeared for the plaintiff, and by the account (who is managing partner) he proved the debt from the books of the shop.

Defendant pleaded that he was afraid to pay these men, because he understood the head-partner was away, and he might have to pay again after the head-partner returned.

His Honor assured the defendant that it was all right; that he would obtain a receipt; and if any one asked him to pay twice, he could come again to Court. Judgment was given for amount claimed.

Syle and others v. H. L. Mather, \$34, for goods supplied.—Defendant admitted the debt; and promised to pay off the debt; and promised to pay on Oct. 2d. Judgment was given for plaintiff.

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INSURANCES.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION
London, Aug. 26, 1869.
Resigned having been appointed
of the above Corporation are
Grant Fire and Marine Insur-
ance Terms.

HOLLAND, WISE & CO.
December 26, 1867/1868.

LE INSURANCE OFFICE
Resigned having been appointed
of the above INSURANCE
are prepared to accept Marine
Policies on any first class
Vessels or Steamers of the date
in case of loss in Africa,
CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, LONDON,
ROB. S. WALKER & CO.,
June 21, 1868.

NOTICE
IN INSURANCE COMPANY
Resigned having been appointed
for short period Insurance
One per cent.

Month
exceeding 1 per cent.

and so on until it reaches 1 per cent.

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SHIPPING IN HARBOUR

HONG KONG.

Consignees of Vessels will greatly oblige by forwarding corrections of errors in the following list.

Exclusive of Arrivals, Departures and Clearances reported to-day.

On Pedder's Wharf.—W., from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—E., Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—E.O., on Pedder's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—E., Eastward of the Hospital.—E., on Kowloon side.

* Vessel's Name and Where Anchored. Captain. Flag and Rig. Tons. Date of Arrival. Consignee or Agents. Destination. Intended Dispatch.

1868-58.

America W. Doane Amer. str. 4500 August 21 P. M. S. S. Co. Y'hama & S. F'co

Bahar W. Lockie Brit. str. 1090 Sept. 8 Order

Cadiz W. Stead Brit. str. 816 August 31 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Catalina W. Escudillo Span. str. 737 April 8 Landstein & Co.

China W. Steward Brit. str. 1348 Sept. 1 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Clan Alpine E. Hutchinson WC Chapman Fch. str. 746 Sept. 2 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Dupleix W. Chapman Fch. str. 850 Sept. 6 Messageries Imperiales

Hindostan W. Smith Brit. str. 991 Sept. 13 D. Sassoon Sons & Co

Hooley W. Da Baresy Fch. str. 1657 August 16 Messageries Imperiales

Kalashnikov W. Bailey Fch. str. 176 Sept. 16 Chinese

Kwang Tung W. Pitman Fch. str. 495 Sept. 4 Douglas Lapraik & Co

Lebourdonnais W. Rapet Fch. str. 900 Sept. 7 Messageries Imperiales

Oceanus W. Donborn Amer. str. 2600 Sept. 6 P. M. S. S. Co.

Otowa W. Edmonson Brit. str. 1274 Sept. 1 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sundas W. Oates Brit. str. 805 January 21 Augustine Heard & Co

Venezuela W. Servante Span. str. 805 August 20 Spanish Consul

Venice W. Crows Amer. str. 1000 Sept. 7 Augustine Heard & Co

MAILING VESSELS

Admiral W. Schmidt Fch. str. 887 July 8 Wm. Pustau & Co

Argo W. Myers Brit. str. 752 Sept. 2 Captain

Alvarez W. Izquierdo Span. str. 501 July 14 Remedios & Co

Albatross W. Launzen N. Ger. str. 400 August 23 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Annoy W. Witt Fch. str. 205 July 22 Chinese

Augo W. Fliehard Fch. str. 512 Sept. 1 P. & I. Derode Freres

Annie Bow W. McLean Brit. str. 250 Sept. 6 Gibb, Livingston & Co

Arabella W. Roper Brit. str. 249 Sept. 13 D. Sassoon Sons & Co

Asia W. Kirk Brit. str. 549 July 22 R. Habibbhooy

August W. Halmquist Fch. str. 412 Sept. 9 Chinese

Balmacarra W. Ufford Brit. str. 376 July 28 Arnhold, Karberg & Co

Benefactress W. Eldred Amer. str. 524 July 12 Smith, Archer & Co

Bonito W. Esenberg N. Ger. str. 512 August 23 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Brentford Priory W. Jack Brit. str. 423 August 28 Borneo Company

Brydmore W. Davall Brit. str. 382 August 29 Siemens & Co

Bunker Hill W. Davis Amer. str. 998 July 17 Tudor Company

Caldwell W. Clarkson Brit. str. 482 August 28 Arnhold, Karberg & Co

Candace W. Melinchenko N. Ger. str. 233 August 29 Wm. Pustau & Co

Charleston W. Jenkins Brit. str. 486 Sept. 3 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Chittain W. Freeman Amer. str. 526 Sept. 6 Augustine Heard & Co

City of Niagara W. Allan Brit. str. 339 August 27 Carlowitz & Co.

Competitor W. Mathew Brit. str. 125 Sept. 12 P. & O. S. N. Co.

Constantia W. Abano Span. str. 900 July 29 Augustine Heard & Co

Diamond W. Schmidt Span. str. 184 January 30 Remedios & Co

Delhi W. Ariste Span. str. 447 August 27 Chinese

Diana W. Prowas Span. str. 385 Sept. 2 Remedios & Co

Dos Hermanos W. Monasterio Span. str. 328 July 12 Chinese

Eastern Star W. Allardice Brit. str. 305 August 22 Remedios & Co

Edison W. Prehn N. Ger. str. 340 August 23 Gilman, & Co

Ellen Rickmers W. Rehns Brit. str. 429 Sept. 4 Douglas Lapraik & Co

Eilda W. Haderberg Brit. str. 309 Sept. 3 Melchers & Co

Eilda W. Lauritzon Swed. str. 216 August 23 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Ema W. Tomlinson N. Ger. str. 344 August 23 Wm. Pustau & Co

Elostone W. Alday Brit. str. 698 Sept. 5 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Elvira W. Gardague Span. str. 434 August 23 E. Schellhass & Co

Encarnacion W. Hunter Brit. str. 483 August 23 Chinese

Enterprise W. Nodds Brit. str. 404 Sept. 7 Russell & Co

Erik W. Lamont Brit. str. 310 Sept. 5 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Eugenio W. Lenas Aust. str. 567 August 31 P. & O. Co.

Felix W. Ponkon Brit. str. 207 August 27 Landstein & Co

Flouret et Maurice W. Gallican Brit. str. 333 August 8 Douglas Lapraik & Co

Franklin W. Drew Amer. str. 1124 August 16 Russell & Co

Frederic W. Niclaise Belg. str. 803 January 6 Borneo Company

Gibraltar W. Brad Brit. str. 623 August 17 Augustine Heard & Co

Galveston W. Brad Amer. str. 670 August 22 Arnhold, Karberg & Co

Garibaldi W. Noyes Brit. str. 663 Sept. 6 Rozario & Co

Gaudet W. Sutherland Amer. str. 1177 Sept. 1 Olyphant & Co

Good Hope W. Moore Brit. str. 251 Sept. 3 John Burd & Co

Granada W. Harvey Brit. str. 657 August 22 Holliday, Wise & Co

Great Britain W. Beeching Brit. str. 312 August 24 Carlowitz & Co

India W. Morrison Brit. str. 391 July 24 Gibb, Livingston & Co

Jan Peter W. Molson N. Ger. str. 200 August 28 Wm. Pustau & Co

Java W. Magboll N. Ger. str. 303 August 30 Arnhold, Karberg & Co

Johanna W. Hartmann N. Ger. str. 280 Sept. 4 Melchers & Co

John George W. Barron N. Ger. str. 200 Sept. 3 Wm. Pustau & Co

Joseph Hambo W. Moller Brit. str. 369 Sept. 2 P. & O. S. N. Co.

John Bates W. Brown Brit. str. 240 August 27 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Jourdain W. Armandeau Fch. str. 561 August 28 Russell & Co

Jubilee W. Constandine Fch. str. 383 August 23 Chinese

Kalimnae W. Kozel Fch. str. 764 Sept. 4 Order

Kangany W. Lomme N. Ger. str. 288 Sept. 3 Wm. Pustau & Co

Kate W. Warnecke Span. str. 329 August 23 Chinese

Katinka W. Ravinkide N. Ger. str. 621 Sept. 7 Wm. Pustau & Co

Killarney W. Home Brit. str. 269 August 23 Chinese

Kum-Soo-Woo W. Olsen Siam. str. 432 August 23 Bley & Co

Lacrima W. Maddrell Brit. str. 330 Sept. 5 Chinese

Land of Gavor W. Dixon Brit. str. 221 Sept. 2 Order

Laughing Water W. L. Stevenson Brit. str. 455 Sept. 3 Siemssen & Co

Ly-le-moon W. Gevel Duit. str. 282 August 23 Siemssen & Co

Maria Elizabeth W. Muysen Duit. str. 507 August 30 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Maria Louisa Antoinette W. Liborio Span. str. 254 August 1 Remedios & Co

Maria Rosalie W. Koch N. Ger. str. 215 Sept. 4 Melchers & Co

Mariola W. Dias Span. str. 273 August 17 Remedios & Co

Mirage W. Finch Brit. str. 718 August 22 Kwok Achesong

New York W. Moennich Brit. str. 586 Sept. 1 Yang Siang Soon

Nightingale W. Sparrow Amer. str. 722 July 6 Russell & Co

North Star W. Jeffers Brit. str. 818 July 6 Augustine Heard & Co

Nouvelles Falles W. Khar Fch. str. 326 August 24 Wm. Pustau & Co

Octave Vidal W. Benz N. Ger. str. 252 August 27 Siemssen & Co

Pak Wan E. Shiell Brit. str. 795 August 26 Gibb, Livingston & Co

Peruvian W. Thompson Amer. str. 1166 Sept. 2 Augustine Heard & Co

Prosperity W. Salje Siam. str. 604 June 14 Chinese

Quatre Bras W. Westerhold Duit. str. 279 August 23 Siemssen & Co

Queensland W. Murray Brit. str. 414 August 28 Russell & Co

Rajah of Cochinchina W. Sedgwick Brit. str. 1008 August 23 Gilman & Co

River Clyde W. Crawford Brit. str. 498 July 22 Gilman & Co

Rohilla W. Dougall Brit. str. 1000 July 11 Gibb, Livingston & Co

Saint Aubin E. Mounier Fch. str. 1042 August 31 Frederic Degeraser

San Lorenzo W. Leesma Span. str. 270 August 30 Remedios & Co

Schooneroop K. Leeuwens Duit. str. 394 August 23 Siemssen & Co

Seadrift W. Staines Brit. str. 357 Sept. 3 Augustine Heard & Co

Seaman's Bride W. Andressin Siam. str. 237 August 23 Chinese

Senator W. Thulie Siam. str. 382 June 12 Chinese

Shirley E. Ferguson Amer. str. 1045 August 18 Russell & Co

Sophie K. Ohlsson N. Ger. str. 221 Sept. 6 Bourjan, Hubener & Co

Success W. Nohman Siam. str. 393 July 23 Chinese

Sunatra E. Mullin Amer. str. 1000 July 6 Augustine Heard & Co

Sultan W. Moss Brit. str. 520 August 30 Thomas Howard

Teresa E. Bollo Ital. str. 1094 July 26 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Thoth Thomas Edward E. Oelermann N. Ger. str. 241 Sept. 8 Wm. Pustau & Co

Thomas Edward E. Pattie Brit. str. 165 Sept. 6 Turner & Co

Uncowah W. Rosano Salv. str. 698 July 18 Jardine, Matheson & Co

Vision W. Cummins Brit. str. 150 August 28 A. G. Hogg & Co